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1. ON THE QUESTION OF ANNOUNCEMENT RAISED IN PARA 3, REFTEL A, WHITE HOUSE NORMALLY MAKES SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CLOSER TO DATE OF EVENT AND SUGGESTS HOLDING OFF UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR. PRESIDENT WILL BE OUT OF WASHINGTON DURING THE HOLIDAYS AND THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT NORMALLY MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN HIS ABSENCE. HOWEVER IF GOP NEEDS TO MAKE EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH CANADIAN OR GERMAN VISITS, WHITE HOUSE IS PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH GOP WISHES. EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE PREFERRED DATE FOR ANNOUNCEMENT WITH AS MUCH LEAD TIME AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN COORDINATE WITH PAKS ON TEXTS AND TIMING OF RELEASE.

2. CONCERNING SIZE OF BHUTTO'S PARTY, BLAIR HOUSE CAN ACCOMMODATE A TOTAL OF 14. OTHERS ACCOMPANYING BHUTTO, WHO

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CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED AT BLAIR HOUSE, WILL BE PUT IN HOTELS UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE PAK EMBASSY HERE, WITH COSTS PAID BY THE GOP. PLEASE ADVISE SIZE AND NAMES OF BHUTTO'S PARTY AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

3. ON POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL B, WE WILL BE GUIDED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S WISHES. SPECIFICALLY BLAIR HOUSE WILL BE AVAILABLE THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 6 (IN ADDITION TO FEBRUARY 4 AND 5) FOR THE PRIME MINISTER IF HE WISHES TO SPEND AN ADDITIONAL DAY HERE FOR OTHER MEETINGS. ALSO THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH A PAKISTANI RECEPTION FEBRUARY 6.

4. FINALLY, WE WOULD BE PLEASED IF BHUTTO HAS TIME TO VISIT NEW YORK OR BOSTON FOLLOWING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. THE DEPARTMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE PAK EMBASSY, WILL MAKE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WASHINGTON PORTION OF THE VISIT. NEW YORK OR BOSTON WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PAK EMBASSY, AND AT THE EXPENSE OF THE GOP. BUT THE DEPARTMENT IS HOWEVER PREPARED TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY IT CAN IN THESE ARRANGEMENTS. OF COURSE, SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE USG RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE ENTIRE TIME BHUTTO IS IN THE U.S. KISSINGER

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